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Title : Need to set up a Food Park in Haveri district, Karnataka.

SHRI MANJUNATH KUNNUR (DHARWAD SOUTH): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is setting up Food Parks at various places. It is learnt that 4 such Food Parks are coming up in Karnataka. I would like to request that Haveri district, which is one of the backward districts, should also be included and a Food Park should be set up in Haveri district. Haveri district in Karnataka is located between two rivers, Vardha and Upper Tunga. There is also a Railway Junction. Transport facilities are very good Haveri district is situated on NH-4 in between Poona-Bangalore road, abutting Western Ghats. Mangoes are grown in abundance. So also maize which is sent to Gujarat and Maharastra. Of course, Chilli crop is also grown in abundance in this area. Byadgi chillies, which is grown in Haveri district, has got international market. People from other countries of the world come to Byadgi to purchase the chillies. People from Kerala have put up Oleo Resin Oil Factory in Kerala as well as in Haveri district of Karnataka as it has got good demand not only within the country but also outside.

Under the circumstances, I request the Government to set up a Food Park in Haveri district.